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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INCB TEAM

REF: KATHMANDU 5250

1. IN ADDITION TO POINTS RECORDED IN REFTTEL, INCB SECRETARY DITTERT EMPHASIZED TO US TWO OTHER POINTS WHICH ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE AS POTENTIAL IRRITANTS IN INDO-NEPALESE RELATIONS AS WELL AS FOR NARCOTIC CONTROL REASONS.

2. DITTERT SAID THAT HE AND INCB CHAIRMAN GREENFIELD HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM MANY SOURCES DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO NEPAL THAT THE CANNABIS TRAFFIC FROM NEPAL TO INDIA IS ENTIRELY CARRIED OUT BY INDIANS.

3. DITTERT'S SECOND POINT, REFLECTING VIEWS OF NEPALESE HE AND GREENFIELD HAD INTERVIEWED, WAS PUT IN FORM OF A RHETORICAL QUESTION: HOW CAN A NEPALESE CULTIVATOR UNDERSTAND THAT HE MUST ABANDON A REMUNERATIVE CROP (CANNABIS) WHEN THE INDIAN CULTIVATORS JUST ACROSS THE BORDER CAN CONTINUE TO PRODUCE IT?

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4. WE UNDERSTAND BOTH FROM DITTERT AND FROM GREENFIELD'S COMMENT TO ME THAT THEY PLAN STOP DELHI EN ROUTE GENEVA/ LONDON AND EXPECT TO RAISE THESE POINTS IN SOME WAY WITH APPROPRIATE INDIAN OFFICIALS.

5. BOTH HERE IN NEPAL AND IN PREVIOUS CONTACTS, GREEN-FIELD AND DITTERT HAVE IMPRESSED ME AS EXPERIENCED, HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS. I UNDERSTAND GREENFIELD WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INCB AFTER LONG YEARS OF SERVICE. FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, DITTERT, WITH HIS VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE IMPORTANT DRUG AREA COVERED BY THE INCB, WILL BE A VITAL SOURCE OF CONTINUITY FOR THE WORK OF THE BOARD. BOTH OFFICIALS WERE MOST FRANK AND COOPERATIVE WITH US DURING THEIR VISIT TO NEPAL.

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